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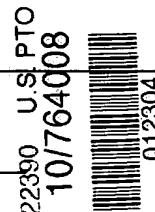
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application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), of pending prior application Serial Number 10/161,813
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1. ☒ Enclosed is specification, claims and drawings of the continuation application with a copy of the Oath or Declaration in the prior application.
2. ☒ FEE: The filing fee is calculated below:

Claims as filed, less any claims cancelled by amendment herewith:

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| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS | | | | | + | \$290.00 | = \$ |
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3. ☒ To the extent not tendered by check, authorization is given to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 during pendency of the application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1378. Duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.
4. ☒ A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed.
5. ☐ Cancel claims
6. ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: This is a ☐ continuation, ☐ division of application Serial Number _____ filed _____.

7. ☒ New formal drawings are enclosed. 9 Sheets, Figs. 1-14
8. ☒ The prior application is assigned to NHK SPRING CO., LTD.
9. ☐ Copies of Verified Statement(s) claiming Small Entity Status filed in said application Serial No. _____.
Small entity status is still proper and desired.
10. ☒ Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 1a or 1b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
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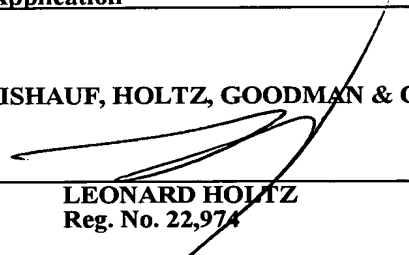
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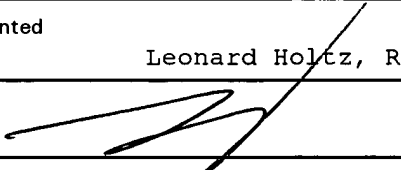
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